

annual meeting, giving approximate dates and time on which scheduled papers will be read.

4. Medical Defense Fund: Your committee recommends, as soon as the assets of the Society will so permit, that the Board of Councilors gradually set aside a separate savings deposit fund, say up to about \$2000.00, this fund to be used for emergency medical defense, if at any time need therefor should arise.

5. Necrology: Your committee as per the president's recommendation, proposes an amendment for a standing committee of three on Necrology, and recommends that a special committee of three on necrology be appointed for the coming year.

6. Vital Statistics: Your committee commends our President's recommendation that the members of the State Society earnestly co-operate with the State Board of Health in its efforts to compile proper birth, morbidity and mortality statistics.

7. Special Committee on Athletics: Your committee recommends that a special committee of five be appointed to investigate the effect of athletics on young people in schools and colleges and to report thereon at our next session.

8. Committee on Public Policy and Legislation: Your committee recommends that the Committee on Public Policy and Legislation be increased from three to six, two members to retire annually, and that for the coming year, three additional members be appointed by the Board of Councilors.

9. Contract Practice: Your committee recommends that the special committee on contract practice be continued and requested to make a still further and detailed investigation of this evil during the coming year and to report thereon at the next session; and further, that for the present this society go on record, concerning the purely commercial hospital organizations, that in its opinion, all physicians on contract with such organizations and all physicians offering unlimited medical and surgical service on contract at nominal prices be considered as acting inimically to the best interests of the profession and society, and further, that all County Societies be requested to ask all members doing such work to withdraw therefrom, and further that next year, more drastic action on this subject be considered by this Society.

10. Amendment Regarding Time of Papers: Your committee recommends that the substitute amendment to Sec. 6 of Art. 6 of the Constitution and By-Laws substituting the word 15 instead of 20 as the maximum time length of papers be adopted.

11. Your committee recommends that the assessment for 1912 be fixed at \$3.00 and subscription to the JOURNAL \$1.00 as per last year's arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) GEO. H. KRESS, Chairman.
STANLEY STILLMAN.
G. G. MOSELEY.

Proposed Amendment to Art. VI of Constitution and By-Laws:

1. Change Sec. 3 of Art. VI of the Constitution and By-Laws to read:

Sec. 3. The Committee on Public Policy and Legislation shall consist of six members (two to retire each year) and the president and secretary, etc.

2. Add Sec. 3A to Art. VI of Constitution and By-Laws.

The Standing Committee on Necrology shall consist of three members. This committee shall print in the April State JOURNAL a report on members who have died during the previous year.

On motion, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the sincere thanks of the Medical Society of the State of California were extended to the medical profession and the citizens of Santa Barbara for their courtesy and hospitality.

The following resolution was introduced by Dr. Dudley Fulton at the request of Dr. Ross Moore, who was also given the privilege of House of Delegates to discuss the same.

Whereas, At the present time there is a movement under way in this state and particularly in Los Angeles, to organize a State Society for Mental Hygiene such as is in existence in a number of other states of the union, be it

Resolved, That the Medical Society of the State of California heartily endorses the movement and recommends to its members that they co-operate with said society in its efforts to disseminate knowledge regarding the Hygiene of the Mind.

On motion of Dr. Parkinson, duly seconded and carried, this resolution was referred to the Council with power to act.

There being no further business before the House of Delegates the minutes were read and approved as read. The House of Delegates then adjourned sine die.

PHILIP MILLS JONES.

Special Committee on the Effect of Athletics on Young People in Schools and Colleges:

The formation of this committee as recommended by the Reference Committee on new business, having been approved by the House of Delegates, the president-elect, Dr. Thos. W. Huntington, appointed the following committee: Dr. F. M. Pottenger, Monrovia, chairman; Drs. H. D'Arcy Power, San Francisco, Dr. Philip Chancellor, Pasadena, Dr. Ray L. Wilbur, Stanford University, and Dr. Geo. F. Reinhardt, Berkeley.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND EDITOR.

To the President and Members of the House of Delegates, Medical Society of the State of California:

The report of your secretary and of the editor of your Journal, will this year be combined in the present statement, and will differ from the reports of previous years, in that it will be very brief.

The report of the Council and the financial statement which has been handed you, will indicate with sufficient clearness that the promises of nine years ago have been fulfilled.

During the year 1910, twenty-one members died and sixteen resigned, a total of thirty-seven. On

December 31, 1909, there were 1924 members; on December 31, 1910, there were 2087 members, an increase of 163 in spite of the 37 lost through death or resignation.

The early months of 1911 indicate that the membership by the end of the present year will have shown a still greater increase.

The Register and Directory for 1910 was published at a profit, in spite of almost overwhelming difficulties.

For some months the experiment was tried of dividing up the work connected with the management of the Journal, and having different members of the Publication Committee attend to different specific duties; it was found that this experiment was not a success, and consequently the plan was abandoned after five months' trial.

In the latter part of 1910 the Journal was increased by sixteen additional pages, and I believe the condition of the Society will warrant keeping the Journal at this size for the present year.

The editor has of course made mistakes, possibly owing to the fact that he is merely human, but his efforts in conducting the Journal have been consistently to encourage all parts of the State, all County Societies, to favor no one more than his fellow, and to encourage the productivity of a large number of our members who are rich in experience but who are backward in presenting this experience to their fellow practitioners.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP MILLS JONES,
SECRETARY.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

To the President and Members of the House of Delegates of the Medical Society of the State of California:

Your Council has the honor to report to you the various matters concerning the business of the Society which came before it during the year 1910.

All of the books and accounts of the Secretary and of the office of the Society were submitted to a firm of chartered accountants and a mimeograph copy of their statement of the condition of the Society for the year ending December 31, 1910, has been handed to you. This statement shows a very interesting condition of affairs. All of the notes, amounting to \$2000, together with the interest accrued, were paid in December, 1910, with the exception of one note which was overlooked by the Secretary in making out the checks.

Including the payment of these notes and the interest thereon and of about \$250, which represents legal expense in defending the property right of the Society in the Register and Directory, and including the unusually heavy expenses of the last meeting, the year's work shows an excess of receipts over disbursements of \$228.14. The auditors allowed for depreciation of office furniture, fixtures, etc., \$300, and yet they show an excess of assets over liabilities of \$1816.97. We again desire to call your attention to the fact that not one dollar has been paid out until the payment has been approved by the Auditing Committee of the Council. Each voucher

representing a payment must be signed by both members of the Auditing Committee. We emphasize this for the reason that some members have suggested that unauthorized payments might have been made. This is not the case.

Publications: Register and Directory. At the beginning of the year it was considered doubtful that the Society would be able to publish the Register and Directory owing to the many complications which had followed the attempt of our former advertising agent to appropriate this publication. Very largely through the hard and most efficient work of Dr. R. E. Bering, chairman of the Advertising Committee, sufficient advertising was secured to make it possible to bring out the book. On the 31st of March of this year, \$1427 had been received through advertising and the sale of copies of the book, and \$1425.95 had been paid out for expenses connected with this publication. Since that time other sums have been received, so that eventually there will have been a profit to the Society on the 1910 Register and Directory. The Council has passed a vote of thanks to Dr. Bering for his most efficient services and respectfully recommends that the House of Delegates take similar action.

The expenses of the Journal are slightly increased, as sixteen additional pages have been added for the last five months of the year 1910. Even with this addition, however, the Journal expense, as indicated in the Auditor's report, is less than it has been for the last three preceding years.

The ruling of the Postoffice to the effect that membership dues could no longer be considered as subscriptions to the Journal, did not take effect until January, 1911, so that the result of this change in the manner of operating the Journal business and the Society account cannot be reported upon until next year. We may say, however, that while the change resulted in a great deal of extra work and confusion in the office of the Society, it is working out quite satisfactorily, and we believe that by the end of the year the Journal will have a larger number of subscribers than in any previous year.

Medical Defense: Beginning with July 1, 1909, the Society undertook to defend all of its members should they be sued for malpractice for any alleged cause which occurred during the time when they were in good standing with the Society. We have now to report to you that a large number of threatened suits have been averted and that six suits have been filed, all of which suits are being cared for by the attorneys for the Society. One of them, Christie vs. Smith, was tried in Los Angeles, the trial lasting nine days, resulting in a verdict for the defendant. Many features connected with this case have attracted more or less attention and it is with considerable satisfaction that the Council reports the thorough protection of Dr. Smith by our medical defense.

Never was the Society in such good and healthy condition as on the thirty-first of December. The advertising of the Journal has steadily increased, the membership in county societies has likewise increased, and approximately \$500 more than in any previous year was received from county society assessments.